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RE: Docket No. **FAA-1999-5836-21**
Notice No. 99-09

Please consider this a Request for Extension of Time for Comments to the above referenced Docket under 14 C.F.R. § 11.29(c).

The petitioner, Sermatech International, is a certificated repair station involved in the repair of numerous aviation components under 14 C.F.R. Part 145 and as such has a substantial interest in the proposed rule.

As a certificated repair station we utilized non-certificated sources to perform certain operations within our repair process. Under the proposed rule these same sources will be required to allow access to their facility to determine their compliance to the **FAR's**. Among other reasons, we believe it is only fair that these sources be given the opportunity to review these proposed changes and provide their comments.

Further, we believe that in light of the FAA's own observation that this proposed rule has been under consideration for the last **20+** years that an extension of the comment period to the maximum allowed be granted.

As it is unlikely that the public will be given another opportunity to comment on the very rules that govern this industry in view of the length of time it has taken the agency to produce this proposed change, such an extended comment period is only fair and proper.

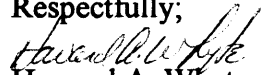
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For the reasons stated, it is in the agency's and indeed the public's best interest to be granted the maximum amount of time for comments on this proposal.

Therefore, the petitioner, Sermatech International, **respectfully** requests the FAA extend the Comment Period, at least until December 31, 1999.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard A. Whyte", written over the printed name.

Howard A. Whyte

Sermatech International